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61st Semi-Annual General Council meeting

The 61st Semi-Annual General Council meeting was held on Saturday, April 19th at the Tecumseh Square center.

An estimated 140 members and employees had attended the spring general council meeting. Breakfast was served and provided by the AST Title Vi staff and lunch was provided, compliments of Van's Pig Stand.

The AST Health programs held their health fair with the community health nurses giving free blood pressure readings and gave out reading material on Hypertension. The Diabetes and Wellness Education department provided diabetes glucose level checks as well. The Tribal Police, Office of Environmental Protection and Thunderbird Casino were among others that set up booths and gave out reading materials and gave free incentive items.

The meeting started at 10:00 with the Governor Scott Miller and Chris Walker, Director of AST Health Programs, giving a presentation on the Joint Venture project. The presentation was designed to thoroughly explain to the tribal members how the new proposed health facility will benefit the tribal members and our children in the future.

Following the health programs presentation came the Executive Committee



staff's reports from their office and reports on each department that they oversee.

The Governor Scott Miller, invited Thunderbird Casino's new management team Kurt Williams and Drew Word to inform the tribe of the status of Thunderbird Casino. Their presentation on the casinos progress was impressive and they answered many questions from the tribal members who definitely have concerns with our casino.

The Executive Committee staff gave all efforts into answering all the questions from the tribal members on issues with the government, the casino and tribal operations. They hope to see you all at the fall meeting in October.

**Happy Fathers
Day
June 15th**

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May 17th Referendum Election Results Absentee Shawnee Election Commission

This is to announce the unofficial results of the May 17, 2008 Referendum Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This Election was held on the above date pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Indian Health Service Joint-Venture Project

Effectively immediately, General Council hereby approves and delegates authority for a period of one year from the date of this election to the Executive Committee to apply for and obtain a loan not to exceed the amount of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) to design, construct and equip a joint venture construction program in association with the Indian Health Service, by encumbering the to be constructed building(s) and up to twenty-five (25) acres, where the facility will be located.

YES..... 67 Votes
NO..... 85 Votes



**Scott Miller
Governor**

May 2008 Report

Ho! Hi gi ke ya fi ho wa se li si mi mo?

I hope this edition of the Absentee Shawnee News reaches each and everyone in good health this May. It was good to see those of you who attended General Council on April 19th 2008. I hope the information presented at General Council helped to show that most of the Executive Committee are committed

to positive projects that will benefit our tribal members for now and future generations.

There are a lot of positive activities going on at the Tribe these days. First, we have the Thunderbird Casino again bringing in tax revenue to the Tribe. This change has come about thanks to new marketing and promotions going on at the Casino, staffing requirements being reviewed and cutting costs in area's that can be reduced. A second casino was discussed at General Council and the planning processing continues for this project.

Second, the Building Blocks childcare is expanding by adding a new building on the Tribal complex behind building #2! The architect contract for the new childcare facility has been reviewed by our legal department and is to be signed this month. Construction funds for this project are coming from the CCDF grant the tribe has for child care. This grant has been very beneficial to child care for the tribe.

Third and last for this month is the Joint Venture. As previously discussed this opportunity will bring in an additional amount of approximately \$12.4 million annually to the Tribe and will provide over 140 new jobs without using any of the Tribes general funds to build it. It is a challenge that I hope you all will take

part in as it affects those of us who have children and their children. This size of a clinic (approximately 70,000 square feet) will in addition to providing new job opportunities but could potentially stimulate economic development in the Little Axe area.

As you can see by the three actions cited in the previous paragraph the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is seeing new growth and development occur. This is a trend I look forward to continuing and with your help and support we can make this type of progress ongoing. ■

Si li no ke ka no la!

READY TO START A GARDEN?



IF any elders are needing their garden's plowed please contact the Secretary's office or Andy Warrior, Cultural Preservation office at (405) 275-4030.

Reminder to vote Run Off Election • June 21, 2008

FY-2008 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 4/30/08)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF COLLECTIONS
Sales (6%)	\$23,745.25	\$18,728.38	\$41,915.35	\$20,169.75	\$104,558.73	17.51%
Gaming (6%)(23%)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110,572.68	\$293,246.60	\$403,819.28	67.61%
Employee (1%)	\$7,029.06	\$5,208.65	\$7,677.43	\$6,151.04	\$26,066.18	4.36%
Severance (8%)	\$2,670.60	\$3,569.94	\$3,352.84	\$2,337.97	\$11,931.35	2.00%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,071.74	\$16,142.93	\$11,119.19	\$11,571.27	\$49,905.13	8.36%
TOTAL TAXES	\$44,516.65	\$43,649.90	\$174,637.49	\$333,476.63	\$596,280.67	
Miscellaneous	\$340.00	\$225.00	\$267.00	\$147.00	\$979.00	0.16%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$44,856.65	\$43,874.90	\$174,904.49	\$333,623.63	\$597,259.67	100%



**Michelle Lopez
Lt. Governor**

May 2008 Report

Hello, Tribal Members.

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we have been having. I was gone for two weeks on vacation with my family and now back at work. It has been very exciting here. We have managed to sell Charlie's Palace and also have someone interested in buying the old print shop and the Roland Property, we are hopeful it will sell soon. The plans for the new Daycare is moving right along as planned and we will be able to show the tribal members some building designs in the near future.

The following are Departments that I have oversight as your Lt. Governor.

The Clothing Department has

been real busy issuing Visa cards for the School Clothing Program and it has been very exciting for the tribal children to be able to go any place where they accept Visa. We have served One hundred twenty-four (124) tribal children in the school clothing program this year so far. You may now download a clothing application on line. We will be revising the Clothing Guidelines and applications to adjust to the new Visa cards. If you should have any questions please call Wynona Coon @ Ext: 154.

We are currently working on getting possibly Visa cards for the Burial Program also and hopefully this will make a big difference in purchasing different items that the family members need in their time of loss. We have worked approximately nine (9) burials this year. I would like to send my condolences out to the tribal families that have lost love ones this year.

The Realty Department has been working hard on getting some Oil and Gas leases going for our tribal members and they were able to get thirteen (13) Wills completed at the last Will Clinic. Our new Realty staff is as follows:

Ben Little- Realty Director
Marquita Schofield- Realty Specialist
Rhonda Wisley- Realty Clerk
Johnnie Hagan- Probate Specialist

The Education Department has funded twenty-three (23) students in different educational programs. The department hosted a workshop for Tribal Employees for "Jump Start Your Money Week". The Workshop presented how to save money in our current economic conditions.

Family Services has been very busy with preparing for "Camp Nikoti 2008". This camp is a six (6) week program and it's very exciting for our youth. Camp will be starting June 17, 2008 thru July 18, 2008 and the children will be attending Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week and will need to be here at the complex at 9:00 am and will need to be picked up at 4:00 pm. We welcome all native youth to participate in our summer camp. If you should have any questions concerning camp please don't hesitate to call Tresha Spoon @ Ext: 121.

Indian Child Welfare has been busy with court cases and home visits with tribal members. We are currently working approximately twelve (12) active and pending court cases. If you should have any questions you should contact our new ICW director Kim Kannady at Ext: 206

Social Services has been real busy getting ready for our summer youth program. The Social Services Department has helped approximately two hundred and fourteen (214) tribal members in Tribal Energy Assistance and in LIHEAP approximately fifty-seven (57) tribal members and several in General Assistance already this year. If you should have any questions please call Shawnee Larney @ Ext: 132

If you should have any comments, complaints, or compliments about any of the programs I oversee please do not hesitate to call me or stop by my office.■

Thank you
Lt. Governor Lopez



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA Current Job Openings:

Current Open Positions

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(Job descriptions will be available online shortly)

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**Cindy Carpenter
Secretary**

May 2008 Report

Hello Tribal Members

I hope everybody is doing fine and enjoying the crazy weather, hot one day and cool the next. I hope all the mothers had a wonderful Mothers Day with their families!

I was happy to see the tribal members that made it to General Council. It was a great meeting with some wonderful Bar-B-Que for lunch.

Last month, in my news article, I stated that I have filed a lawsuit against the AST Election Commission. I want all tribal members to know and understand that I am paying for this out of my own pocket and not **ANY** tribal funds. I want this understood and made very clear!

I must reply to Treasurer Longhorn's April news article about the revised Election Ordinance that was found to be **unconstitutional** in Tribal Court on April 30th, 2008.

First of all; the very first revised Election Ordinance or draft that I received, in early 2007, is **NOT** the same Election Ordinance; in fact, I have seen and have on hand, three different Election Ordinances. I do not believe that all tribal members were given a complete explanation or a complete understanding of what was revised in this ordinance or even know which revised Election Ordinance they voted for. I can not explain this enough to you because it is very confusing, especially to the tribal elders.

As of May 8th, 2008, a "Motion to Reconsider" was filed by the tribally funded attorney, for the Election Commission, and prior AST tribal judge

Steven Parker, to reconsider the court ruling that found the revised Election Ordinance **unconstitutional**. What this is tribal members is an attempt to have Tribal Court reverse it's ruling, in favor of an **unconstitutional** revised Election Ordinance. This can not and should not stand! Either the revised Election Ordinance that was voted on December 15th, 2007 is constitutional or it is **not** constitutional. To reverse this ruling would be a violation of the AST Constitution.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Constitution states in full and not just in part:

ARTICLE XVIII TRIBAL LEGISLATION Ordinance. An enactment of the General Council at a tribal referendum a separate document which shall have Long range effect, such as, establishing procedures governing: the conduct of elections, removing elected officials or the manner of enrolling tribal members. Ordinances are tribal laws which shall have general application and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded in the same manner in which they were enacted. **Ordinances shall not conflict with this Constitution. In the event a subsequent constitutional amendment is enacted that would conflict with an ordinance, that ordinance, or conflicting portion thereof, shall be null and void.**

Secondly, the "Motion to Reconsider" that was filed on May 8th, 2008 has a **NEW** "Policies and Procedures" for the Election Commission, that were supposedly approved by the AST Election Commission, on March 27th, 2008 **AFTER** the March 15th, 2008 Primary Election. How in the world can you use "policies and procedures" to justify an unconstitutional Election Ordinance, after the Primary Election has already been taken place? You can not, period!

The Election Commission and Treasurer Longhorn knew there were conflicts and unconstitutional problems with this revised Election Ordinance and I have the November minutes to prove that they knew of this and they all were told that. It is quoted, in these minutes, that anyone to challenge this Election Ordinance, *"it would be political suicide and who would have the money to challenge it"*. All of the AST tribal members should and can get a copy of these November minutes and I will provide them. The problems and unconstitutionality, of this revised Election Ordinance, were told to the Election Commission and Treasurer Longhorn and they rushed

the December 15th, 2007 referendum, without even fixing the unconstitutional problems.

The Election Commission issued a flyer, at General Council, demanding a public apology for wasting tribal dollars and completely corrupting the 2008 election, I do not think so!!! Also be advised that, as your tribal Secretary, these individuals that are being sued are **NOT** going to have their attorney fees paid by the tribe! I can assure you of that. These individuals made a mess of this 2008 election and they can pay for it out of their own pockets and not our tribes' money like they think the tribe will.

From the years 2005, 2006, and 2007, the Election Commission has been stipend a combined \$37,740 dollars, not including 2008, for meetings alone. What in the world is wrong with this Election Commission? Something has to be done and I am doing my best to see that this waste of tribal dollars is coming to an end!

Also, the Secretary of the Election Commission issued the Executive Committee, in April, a letter stating that the Executive Committee must pass a Resolution in order to receive all of March 2008 Election Commission meeting minutes. Election Commission Secretary M.Wahpekeche insists that the unconstitutional Election Ordinance forbids her from providing the meeting minutes to nobody but "interested tribal members". Confused, I am!

The joint Venture Project is a big issue and I am hopeful that it will be passed on the May 17th, 2008 election. There are certain tribal members that are well-known to scare the elders and other tribal members into taking steps forward. These are the same tactics that have hindered this tribe since 2005. Health care is always going to be obstacles and red tape but in the long run, I believe that in the near future, this project will be a great benefit to our tribe and the community.

Remember tribal members, health care is a business and supporting the surrounding community through third party billing will be a great benefit to our tribe. Our tribe can not expect federal funding just to care for Absentee Shawnees only. It's against the law. When any tribe receives federal dollars, every tribe must help each citizen, regardless of their membership or non-membership. Again, health care is a business.

This opportunity will provide better service and employment opportunities for the qualified people. Please

remember that the tribe is slowly taking steps forward again from being stagnant for the past few years and let us all continue to make these steps forward and not back again. Have faith and vote "yes" for a better improvement for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe!!

More great news. I attended the 30th Anniversary of the Administration On Aging, Title VI conference in Shakopee, Minnesota with Title VI coordinator Yvette Moore and our Lead Cook Ms. Lula Mae Bettelyoun. The conference provided information that Title VI funds can be used for grass cutting for Title VI participants **ONLY**. So if you are a Title VI participant, live in the service area, and 55 years or older, you can qualify. I will be able to take 20-25 applicants from the Shawnee area and 20-25 applicants to the Little Axe area. So please call my office at 405.275.4030 Ext 123 for more information. Remember, you **MUST** be 55 years of age or older, no other exceptions. These federal requirements and must be followed

I also would like to give my condolences to the Tiger family for the loss of their brother and to the Gibson family for the loss of their loved one! God Bless you all and extended families.

The Treasurer is planning a historical trip to Canada, if anyone is interested please contact the Treasurer's office. ■

Respectfully and Sincerely,
Secretary Cindy Carpenter
275.4030 Ext 123
or ccarpenter@astribe.com



LEASE & RENTAL OF TRIBALLY OWNED FACILITIES:

- Horseshoe Bend
- Little Axe Community Center
- Tecumseh Square
- Little Axe Resource Center

Scheduling the above mentioned facilities and paying rental fees and deposits are now being handled through the Tribe's Secretary Department.

For more information contact:
Office of the Secretary
(405) 275-4030

RIISING COUNTRY STAR, NICK GIBSON TO PLAY AT THUNDERBIRD CASINO

Norman, OK –

The Next Big Star Contest Winner Will Play For One Night Only!

No doubt, 2008 has certainly become a whirlwind of a year, so far, for Oklahoma entertainer, Nick Gibson. Gibson and his band recently played in the biggest gig of their lives before a sold-out crowd along side Kenny Chesney and Leann Rimes. Now Gibson and his band hope to keep the thunder rolling as they are scheduled to play a one night only performance at Thunderbird Casino on Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 p.m.

Nick Gibson is no stranger to local honky tonks and college bars all around Oklahoma. The hottest singer, guitar player and songwriter to come out of Stillwater, since Garth Brooks, is also tearing up crowds on his whirlwind tour of scheduled events in Kansas, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

While Gibson's debut album, "No Other Way," dropped in February, the first single on the album is already getting airplay in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. The second single off the album is scheduled to release soon.

Nick Gibson's highest honor and definitely most memorable moment occurred recently when the band won Kenny Chesney's Next Big Star Contest starring as the opening act of Chesney's 2008 No Poets No Pirates Tour. The band has also shared the stage with such acts as Pat Green, Jason Boland, Cross Canadian Ragweed and No Justice.

Nick Gibson and his band are already scooping up honors most recently at the 2008 Payne County Line

Oklahoma Music Awards where they were nominated in 13 categories. They walked away with the Band of the Year Award, while Nick, the band's lead singer, was awarded Electric Guitarist of the Year. All of the band members were nominated for awards such as Acoustic Guitarist and Harmony Vocalist of the Year, Bass Player of the Year and Drummer and Harmony Vocalist of the Year.



Be there as Nick Gibson rocks the Thunderbird Event Center located inside Thunderbird Casino on Saturday, May 31st. Admission is free and you must be 21 years or older to attend the show. For more information on Nick Gibson, visit nickgibson.net.

Thunderbird Casino is located just 17 miles east of Norman on Highway 9. Thunderbird Casino is the most reputable and longest running casino in Oklahoma, opening its doors in 1987. The casino is also home to the best gaming payouts with more than 500 slot machines. For more information, visit www.thunderbirdcasino.net.



Ewell Longhorn
Treasurer

May 2008 Report

Hello Tribal members!

WHEW! How about that April General Council Meeting? Without any advanced notice to my office the whole format of the meeting changed with reports and presentations being made during the course of Governor's report. In the past specific reports (Casino), presentations (Clinic Joint Venture), and questions from the floor followed the completion of reports from each Executive Committee member.

I must say Tribal members, the financial information from the

Casino and the sales brochure presented on the Clinic Joint Venture were just as much news to my office as it was to you. You ask; how can this be? Clearly there is a disconnect in providing pertinent Casino financial reports and information on other major Tribal business issues and efforts to all Executive Committee members.

Speaking of news, I find it very difficult to call anything "news" when you receive your "Newsletter" later and later as each month passes. I also find it very difficult to prepare for General Council meetings when General Council report booklets are habitually available only at the last minute. But they shiny and glossy aren't they? I would suggest the Council booklets be a low cost basic document and prepared at least two weeks ahead of the Council meeting date for Tribal members and Committee members to read, review and adequately prepare for the meetings. For your information the report submission deadline for the April 19th General Council meeting was March 14th. My report was submitted by the deadline.

Speaking of General Council reports, Tribal members especially those not attending the Council meeting, I made a recommendation based on a number of administrative and financial cost factors in my Council report that the Executive Committee members by moved from full-time employee status back to performing only as Executive Committee members during Executive Committee meetings as set forth in the Constitution.

This would achieve a significant cost savings to the Tribe when we very badly need to conserve our Tribe's funds and also take Executive Committee members out the business of running Tribal programs and businesses. Of course an integral part of my recommendation is that a Tribal Administrator position be established to oversee and direct all of Tribal programs. If you didn't receive a copy of the General Council booklet but would like to see my General Council report I would be glad to email it to Tribal members, just contact me and make your request.

PLANNED TRIP TO OUR ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS AND OTHER IMPORTANT LOCALES

Tribal members, I recently had the good fortune to establish contact with Mr. William Vernon. Mr. Vernon is the author of a newly published book titled "Old Town". The book is fiction (murder mystery) but its storyline involves a historical Shawnee village site near Xenia, Ohio. Those of you familiar with our Shawnee history will know that Tecumseh was purportedly born near to this site while his family was in-route to a General Council meeting nearby back in the late 1700's.

Well Mr. Vernon contacted me through my email address published in my monthly Newsletter article. Mr. Vernon wished to donate a copy of his book to the Tribe since it in part refers to old Tribal village site nearby. Mr. Vernon did send a copy of the book to me and I turned it over to our library in the Cultural Preservation Department.

Mr. Vernon and I have continued our email conversations and now have started earnestly discussing a trip and other activities in Ohio. I am in the process of advising each of the Executive Committee members and also inviting each to participate in the planning and attendance of this trip as well as sharing some of the costs.

I have previously visited our ancestral homelands in Ohio from Xenia to Chillicothe to Piqua points in between. These trips were done at my own expense as an individual Tribal member. During my trips I met several city and county officials that expressed their desires that Shawnee people return to and live in Ohio once more.

During this trip I plan to visit Shawnee, Kansas on the way to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to Ohio and on to Thamesville, Canada, the site where Tecumseh died at his last stand for all Indians' rights to retain their ancestral homelands.

This trip is in the planning stages but Mr. Vernon has voluntarily offered his help and considerable influence in coordinating contacts with local Ohio offices, government offices and other interest organizations to assist with the logistics of a traveling group of Shawnees.

MY LAST REPORT

Taking into consideration our Newsletter's recent publication schedule this will likely be my last report to you as Treasurer. Let me express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve in such a vital position on the Executive Committee and also during such a crucial time during our Tribe's history. It has been a challenge and many times a blessing to work on my Tribe's behalf.

Unfortunately, due to the planned Ohio trip there will not be a Community Meeting in June but I truly hope that the next Treasurer and other Executive Committee members continue the Community Meeting outreach effort. Tribal members I will plan to continue being active in our Tribal affairs after leaving office but leave you with some of my personal goals and wishes for our Tribe and Tribal members:

- I will leave office in significantly better condition both physically and mentally than when I first took office two years ago. I am healthier both in mind and body because I am and was motivated by the demands and needs of my Tribe and its Tribal members. Also special thanks to Dr. Maqbool.
- I wish to extol the importance of making good solid Tribal decisions that affect young Tribal members who may not have a voice of their own. Everything from financial decisions to health care and intervention type services are vital to young Tribal members' health and well-being now and in the future.

- I proclaim the importance of education for our Tribal members for unless we are well educated and can compete with those outside of the Tribe we cannot expect to get ahead or even stay abreast of other Tribes and other non-tribal member businesses and individuals.
- Knowing our Tribe's history is vital to understanding who we are and where we came from and it is also vital to establishing pride and self-esteem as Shawnee people. The two local towns, Tecumseh and Shawnee recognize our importance through their names, but maybe sometimes we and local people and officials overlook this. We shouldn't allow any one here, especially our own Tribal members to overlook our important positions as a Tribe and as Tribal members in the local community! As Shawnees we are not minorities but we have a special legal status recognized in the U.S. Constitution; we are dual citizens of the United States and of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma!

CONCLUSION

Please stay tuned-in and interested in your Tribe for it's your Tribe! Best wishes to Ms. Anita Chisholm in her efforts as your Treasurer!

Thanks! elonghorn@astribe.com
 Feel free to contact me in the future at my personal email: elonghorn@hotmail.com

Meth Awareness Community Meeting

Would you like to know more about Meth and the ways to keep it out of our community?

If so come and join us!

Location: Little Axe Resource Center

Date: July 10, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Instructor: Mike Snowden with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

For more information or to inform us that you will be attending, please call the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police @ 405-275-3200 (8am-5pm) or email specialprojects@astribe.com (Registration is Not Mandatory)



Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Blood Drive

**Friday June 20th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Building #17
Pharmacy Area**

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**Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Representative**

May 2008 Report

Tribal Members,

I hope this month finds you and your family in good health. Hopefully everybody's spring planting is doing well with all the rain we've received.

The past month the Representative's office has been working with procurement, maintenance and other departments in planning for the surplus auction of miscellaneous equipment and vehicles. I would like to thank everybody

whom helped in making this auction possible.

On May 6, 2008 Stacey Halfmoon, Director of Community Outreach & Public Programs, American Indian Cultural Center & Museum gave the tribe a project update on the progress of the Cultural Center that is being built in Oklahoma City at the intersection of US 1-35 & I-40. The Cultural Center staff would like to work with the tribe in establishing the Absentee-Shawnee exhibit which will be located in the Cultural Center when it is completed.

On May 9, 2008 Governor Miller, Lt. Governor Lopez & Staff, and myself and staff and the Cultural Preservation staff attended the dedication of the opening of the Nature Center at Lake Thunderbird Clear Bay Area. Karen Kaniatobe, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, has been working with the staff there in preparing a display with information about the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe and its relationship to Lake Thunderbird. This is a nice facility, if you haven't been out to check it out yet then please do.

I hope you and your family will stay safe and healthy. Have a safe Memorial Day. ■

Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Tribal Representative

Father's Day Special

In honor of all Fathers, the Gift Shop would like to extend an invitation to all Tribal Members to come in and receive 25% off any gift shop purchases. This Father's Day Sale will start June 9 and run through June 13, 2008. Hope to see you there.



Thank you...

A big thank you to everyone who assisted in helping find our father, grandfather, uncle - Melvin "Johnny" Mann.

He is 76 years old and was missing for over 24 hours. This was a very emotional and trying time for our family but with a lot of assistance, prayers and faith, we found him. He is doing fine and well.

We would like to give a special "Thank you" to Amber Davis who found him.

The Mann Family

Come and enjoy an evening of family fun!!

When: June 5, 2008
5:00-9:00

Where: South of log cabin on AST campus

The movie will start @ 7:00. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Cultural Preservation presents

"Christmas in the Clouds"



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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 16, 2008
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

E-AS-2008-46

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA RE-APPOINTING BILL BAYLISS FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, SHIRLEY HALEY FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, AND JENNIFER SLOAN FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller., Governor and Cindy Carpenter, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-46 To be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting on April 16, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Lopez: Yes; Secretary Carpenter: Yes; Treasurer Longhorn: Yes; Representative Gibson: Yes; Governor Miller vote, if required: N/A.

E-AS-2008-47

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING JOCELYN CYNTHIA LORENE HAYES, LAUREN ELIZABETH SEBER , ELIJAH GAGE SPOON AND GLORIA JEAN CONOVER AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

NAME OF ENROLLEE	DOB	DEGREE OF BLOOD
Jocelyn Cynthia Lorene Hayes	02/11/2008	5/16
Lauren Elizabeth Seber	01/20/2008	1/4
Elijah Gage Spoon	03/09/2006	1/4
Gloria Jean Conover	05/06/1946	1/2

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Cynthia Carpenter, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-47 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2008 there being a quorum present by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Lopez: Yes; Secretary Carpenter: Yes; Treasurer Longhorn: Yes; Representative Gibson: Yes; Governor Miller vote, if required: N/A.

E-AS-2008-48

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE BY WAIVING ALL TAXES, PERMITS AND ANY OTHER PROVISIONS REQUIRING A RETURN TO THE TRIBE UNDER THE TAX CODE AND ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AGREEMENT WITH FIRECRACKER JOE'S BY THE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller., Governor and Cindy Carpenter, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-48 To be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting on April 16, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Lopez: Yes; Secretary Carpenter: Yes; Treasurer Longhorn: Yes; Representative Gibson: Yes; Governor Miller vote, if required: N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 16, 2008
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

L-AS-2008-23

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TAX COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OKLAHOMA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM (OLETS).

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Cynthia Carpenter, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-23 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting, held on April 16, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Michelle Lopez: Yes; Secretary Cynthia Carpenter: Yes; Treasurer Ewell Longhorn: Yes; Representative Isaac Gibson: Yes; and Governor Scott Miller's vote, if required, N/A.

For a complete printed copy of any resolution, you may contact the Secretary's office and request for one.
(405) 275--4030

Obituary

Billy Jack Tiger

Passed away on April 24, 2008

Billy Jack Tiger died of a massive heart attack in Lawton, Oklahoma on April 24, 2008. Tribal rites were held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Absentee Shawnee Community Center in Little Axe, Oklahoma with Johnny Mann officiating. He was buried at the Tiger Family Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

His father was the late Ronald Dean Tiger. Billy had three children, son Billy Jack Parker, age 14, son Jim Parker, age 11 and a daughter, Molly Mae Parker, age 8.

He will be missed by many - his children, brothers, sisters, cousins, neices and nephews.

Diane Parker & Children

21st Anniversary Celebration and Pow Wow

**FREE
Admission
OPEN
To The Public**



**Friday, June 27th
& Saturday, June 28th**

17 miles east of Norman, OK, on Hwy. 9

Master of Ceremony
Head Man Dancer
Head Lady Dancer
Head Gourd Dancer
Head Southern Drum
Head Northern Drum
Host Gourd Clan
Arena Director

Troy Little Axe
Graham Primeaux
Toni Tsatoke
Thomas Poolaw
Leonard Cozad, Jr.
Blackbird Singers
Comanche Little Ponies
Dennis Little Axe

Contests In All Adult Categories

**CONTESTANTS MUST BE IN BOTH
8:00^{PM} GRAND ENTRIES**

Golden Age: Men and Women

\$750 - \$300 - \$200 - \$100

Adult: Men And Women

\$750 - \$300 - \$200 - \$100

Teens: Northern & Southern

Boys and Girls 13-17 yrs.

\$200 - \$150 - \$75 - \$25

Juniors: Northern & Southern

Boys and Girls 7-12 yrs.

\$100 - \$75 - \$50 - \$25

Tiny Tots

(For less than one year old, categories will be combined)

Gourd Dancing begins at
6:30^{PM}- Friday & 2:00^{PM}- Saturday
Supper Break At 5:00^{PM}- Saturday
Gourd Dancing resumes at 6:00^{PM}
Grand Entry 8:00^{PM} - Both Days

Friday Night Special
\$500 Winner-Take-All
Women's Northern Fancy Shawl
Men's Southern Fancy

Contact Information:

Pow Wow Coordinator - Al Bronaugh 405.360.9270 ext. 275

Booth Fee \$100.00 (2 days) please contact Andrea Frye at ext. 242 for application

Thunderbird Casino is an Absentee Shawnee Enterprise and is not responsible for accidents or thefts

Must be 21 to enter the casino. No alcohol, firearms or drugs of any type permitted.

Thunderbird Casino

1.800.258.LUCK / 405.360.9270

Accepting Applications Now!

Additional Application Due Date & Special Call Series Last Chance for FY 2008 Funding Due Date: June 25, 2008

The Office of Community Services recently announced a new summer application cycle for the Assets for Independence program. The summer application due date is **Wednesday, June 25, 2008**. This will be the final application cycle in fiscal year 2008.

The **Assets for Independence (AFI)** program awards five-year grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, and government agencies, that empower low-income families to be economically self-sufficient for the long-term. Grantees provide financial education training on financial matters and money management, and they assist participants with saving earned income in special matched savings accounts called **Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)**. Participants use the IDAs to save to acquire a home, capitalize a business, or attend post-secondary education or training.

Eligible Grantees:

- Nonprofit organizations, including faith-based groups, with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.
- State, local and Tribal government agencies that apply jointly with a nonprofit.
- Community Development Financial Institutions.
- Low-Income Designated Credit Unions.
- Organizations that propose to implement an AFI Project with sub grantees across a wide area such as across the nation or throughout a State or region.

Special Orientation Conference Calls / Webinars for Applicants

The AFI Resource Center will host free conference calls / Webinars for prospective grantees in May and June. The calls will cover application requirements and hints and tips for writing a successful grant application and designing strong IDA projects. Featured speakers will include federal program officials and representatives of current grantees. Dates and times as follows. Go to the AFI web site for more information and to register for a call / webinar!

- Tuesday, May 13, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST -- Program Overview and How to Apply
- Wednesday, May 21, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST -- Tips for Writing a Winning AFI Application
- Thursday, May 29, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST -- Program Overview and How to Apply
- Tuesday, June 3, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST -- Tips for Writing a Winning AFI Application

The AFI Resource Center is distributing free recordings of additional "how to" webinar presentations.

Step-by-Step Guidebook for Applicants

The AFI Project Builder is a downloadable booklet that gives step-by-step guidance and suggestions about designing an IDA project. It is an invaluable tool for writing an AFI grant proposal. Download a copy [here](#).

Application Kit -- All the Forms and Information You Need to Apply

Please contact the AFI Resource Center at AFIProgram@acf.hhs.gov or call us at (202) 401-4626 to request an application kit or ask a question. Go to the AFI web site for complete information about the program and application requirements.

Quick Links

[Register to participate in an upcoming AFI call / webinar](#)

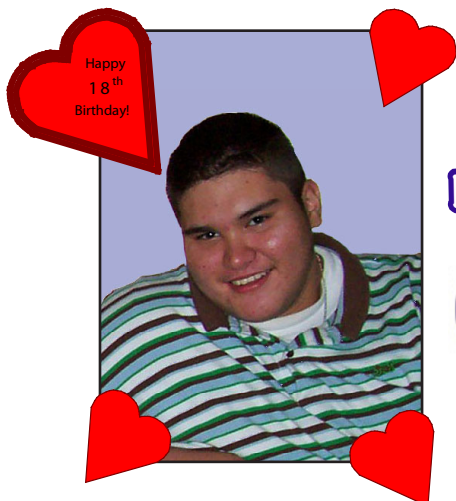
[Go to the AFI web site](#)

[Request an Application Kit](#)

[Download our guidebook -- AFI Project Builder: Guide to Developing an AFI Project](#)

Happy Birthday

To All Tribal Members Born in May



On May 20th I was
blessed with a lifelong
treasure, my son
Colton Alexander Williams
Happy 18th Birthday!
Much Love, Mom

Happy 6th Birthday
Christian Byers
We love you!
Mom, Dad and Sebastian

Happy Birthday Mom
JoAnn Walker
May 11th
Love
Your kids and grandkids

Happy Birthday
Dickie
May 11th
Love JoAnn

Happy Birthday
Grandpa Roy
Your the Best!
Love Kantynn & Kanynn



Happy Birthday
Roy Kaseca
May 7th
Love, Rhonda

HAPPY B-DAY DAD
ROY KASECA
MAY 7TH
LOVE, NIKKI AND KEVIN



#1 Grandson
Kantynn James Kaseca
Happy 5th Birthday
May 30th
Love

Happy 5th Birthday
Kantynn James
Love Aunt Nikki & Uncle

Happy Birthday to You!

Sabrina Little Axe
Sebastian Byers
Christian Byers



Happy 21st Birthday
Michael
July 16th
Love
Mom, Dad & Zilla

Happy Birthday to Mike
From
Zilla, Ray, Jason & John
"the Four Horseman"

Happy Birthday Sis,
Arlene - July 4th
Love,
your brother Frankie, Bob
& Mike

Happy Birthday
Tiffany Littlecreek
May 11th
From,
Sharon

Happy Birthday
Jeff "JW" Gibson
May 28th
Love your family

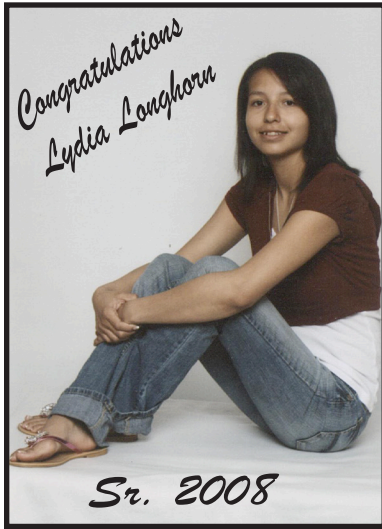
Happy 3rd Birthday
Janelle Watson
May 5th
Love the Kasecas

Happy Birthday - May
21
Uncle Dale Davis
Have a great day!

Happy Birthday to a
great Dad & Grandpa
Love
The Womacks
Geisslers
Martins

Editor's Note: Because of Privacy Issues and Potential Identity Theft, we can no longer print a list of Birthdays each month.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Lydia
Congratulations on your graduation. Best of luck to you!

Happy Birthday
Uncle Roy Gene
From
The Shawnee kids

We would like congratulate Sebastian Byers for "Student of the Month" for the month of May at Bethel Schools. We're all very proud of you and love you every much.
Mom, Dad and Christian.

Congratulations to
Jordan Byers on your
graduation.
We're proud of you.
From Shawn, Marilyn
and the boys

Michael & Natalie



We are
Getting Married...
June 28, 2008

Best Wishes
Mom, Dad & Bob

Congratulations to all graduating
2008 Seniors!
You definately make your families proud!



Our
Engagement

Tracy Simmers
&

Randall Gibson

are delighted to announce their engagement to be married on August 9, 2008

After 4 1/2 years - he asked "Will you marry me?" and she said "Yes?"

Tracy
&
Randy

Tracy's parents are Elizabeth Simmers of Sapulpa, Ok. Charlie Simmers from Bristow, Ok. Tracy's grandparents are Dave & Lucille New Rider of Tulsa, Ok. Mary and Curtis Simmers Bristow, Ok. Tracy has 4 children Lance 15, Kyrah 10, Feather 9 and Deziree 8. Randall's parents are Donna Gibson of Tulsa, Ok. Elvis Gibson of Okawville, Ok. Randall's grandparents are Elsie Blanchard of Little Axe, Ok. The late John "Buck" Gibson. Charles and Doris Shawnee of Tulsa, Ok. Randall has 3 children Tyler 11, Elijah 7 and Jan 6.

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Tribal Elders Organization Meeting

**Saturday
June 21, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

**Little Axe Resource Center
All Tribal Elders Welcome**

**Job Postings for
the Absentee Shawnee Tribe are
posted on our website weekly.
Check it out!**

Visit our website www.astribe.com



2% milk served daily

May 2008

menu subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Mother's Day Not going to be home call & let us know @ 405-275-4030 ext. 189 or notify your driver				Manwich Fresh Carrots Chips Pineapples	Biscuit Sausage Gravy Juice	
	B B Q Pork Sand. Pot. Salad Pork & Beans Vanilla Pudding	Northern Beans w/ham Rice/ Coleslaw Skillet Bread Cobbler	Salmon Patties Baked Pot. Spinach Wheat Bread Fruit Pudding	Brown Gravy & Meat Biscuit Corn Pears	Biscuit Gravy Ham Fruit	
Mother's Day	Hot Beef Sand. Mashed Pot./Gravy Salad * Choc. Cake	Hot Dogs w/ Chili Fixings Pork n Beans Pineapples	Chicken Strips Mashed Pot. w/Gravy Corn /Salad Bar Apple Crisp	Beef Stroganoff Greenbeans Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Biscuit Gravy Oatmeal or Cereal Milk	
	Ham Salad Sand. Veggie Soup Cookie	Chicken & Rice Soup Greenbeans Chez Sticks Crackers/Jell-O	Enchilada Casserole Refried Beans Salad Bar Cinnamon Roll	Hot Ham & Chez Celery & Carrot Sticks Chips Applesauce	Biscuit Gravy Bacon Juice	
	Memorial Day AST Closed	Hamburgers Lett. & Tom. Pot. Salad Banana Pudding	Ham Sweet Pot. Broc. & Chez Salad Bar/ Roll Lemon Cake	Lasagna Brussel Sprouts Salad* Garlic Bread Peach Crisp	French Toast Sausage Link Juice	



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE SURPLUS AUCTION

AUCTION

VEHICLES

TRACTORS
MOWERS

TRAILERS

Saturday • May 24, 2008 • 10:00 a.m.

40206 Benson Park Road, Tecumseh, Ok

Directions: Hwy #177 and Benson Park Road at the Old Lillard Pipe & Supply site.



List of Items

John Deere F-725 Riding Lawnmower
John Deere GT-262 Riding Lawnmower
John Deere F-935 Riding Lawnmower
John Deere F-925 Riding Lawnmower
John Deere F-955 Riding Lawnmower
Spreader with 3pt hook up
John Deere Front End Loader Attachment 70A
John Deere Backhoe Attachment 70A
John Deere Back Bucket 7
John Deere Front End Loader Attachment 7
John Deere 950 Tractor
16 Foot Trailer
(3) 1994 GMC Sonoma Truck
Isuzu Street Sweeper
28 Foot Gooseneck Trailer Paul Tandum
20 Foot Trailer
16 Foot Trailer
1993 GMC Rally Van STL
2000 GMC Z-71
1999 Dodge Ram 3500 Diesel Dually Truck
1986 GMC Sierra Dump Truck 1 Ton
Box Trailer
Lincoln Welder with gasoline engine
1997 Ford Crown Victoria
1979 Ford Box Truck
1993 Freightliner
25 Ton Lowboy
Safe (6' Foot Tall)
Safe (4' Foot Tall)
Assorted Chairs
Misc Office Furniture & Equipment
Lots of Misc Computer Equipment
Hundreds of barstools

Star-50x70 Red Iron Building
(to be moved)
24'x80' Welded Building
(to be moved)
24'x24' Building on skids
Lots of scrap metal - pipe i-beam and sucker rod
60+ Oil Field Tanks

More items too numerous to mention...

**Viewing Day
is Friday, May 23rd
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**



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**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
VETERANS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
of
Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Resource Center
1970 156th Avenue N.E.
Norman, OK
1900 hours

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1903 by Commander John Sloat. The meeting was adjourned by Commander Sloat at approximately 1935.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commander Sloat called the meeting to order at approximately 1903.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Commander Sloat.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE VETERANS CREED:

The Creed was led by Administrations Officer John Vanderburg.

PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Vanderburg.

ATTENDANCE (12):

OFFICER ATTENDANCE (4):

MEMBER ATTENDANCE (8):

Commander: John Sloat

David Little

Executive Officer: absent

Stella Little

Operations Officer: absent

Roy Charley

Chaplain: Don Schulenberg

Lewis Snake

First Sergeant: Jim Sloat

Kay Snake

Administrative Officer: John Vanderburg

Richard Birdtail

Mary Birdtail

Esteline Schulenberg

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS (0): N/A

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

N/A

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008 was made by Lewis Snake, seconded by David Little, and approved by a unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer's Report: N/A

Operations Officer's Report: N/A

First Sergeant Report: First Sergeant Jim Sloat stated,

Administrative Officer's Report: Administrative Officer John Vanderburg stated, that the current balance in the organizations checking account is \$452.75.

Vanderburg states that he will be attending some training over the next months that will be valuable to the Veterans Department. He stated that this training will help him have a better understanding the VA and pass the benefit on to the veterans of the tribe.

Vanderburg states that we (the association) have received an invitation to the Sac & Fox Nation's annual Veterans Dinner and Pow-Wow on July 12th. The dinner will be held at the Sac & Fox Community Center (5.5 miles south of Stroud on Highway 99) at 12p.m and the AST color guard has been asked to participate in the Grand Entry that evening at the Dance Grounds.

Vanderburg states that one member of the color guard is needed to carry the Tribal colors at the upcoming Sovereignty Symposium.

Jim Sloat volunteers to carry the colors at the Symposium.

Vanderburg states that also five individuals are needed to carry flags for the tribes not represented at the Symposium, in that same ceremony.

Richard Birdtail, Mary Birdtail, David Little, Don Schulenberg and Roy

Charley volunteer to carry flags at the Symposium.

Vanderburg states that Monday, the 26th of May is Memorial Day but many have forgotten what that day represents. He states that this day (Memorial Day) is set aside to remember all of those who have died serving this country since the Revolutionary War.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Don Schulenberg stated,
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS/SPECIAL SPEAKER:

Open Floor: Don Schulenberg states that on November 11th, at Reaves Park in Norman he is asking members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe color guard to carry colors for each of the branches of the armed forces, in honor of Veterans Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Sloat asks John Vanderburg to review the past attendance records to see where the association has had the most success with attendance, due to the low attendance in the past few months. The membership will discuss the results in the next membership meeting on June 11th.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (next meeting, etc.):

> The next membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2008 at the AST Complex Title 6 Building. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

> The Veterans Association will take part in the Annual Red Earth Parade on Friday, June 6th. Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m. on E.K. Gaylord Blvd (on the east side of the Cox Convention Center) in downtown Oklahoma City. All tribal veterans are encouraged to ride in the parade. All who are interested should contact John Vanderburg at 405-275-4030.

> The AST Veterans Department office is located in building #2, a.k.a. the Governor's building, in room #103.

BENEDICTION:

The benediction was led by Chaplain Schulenberg.

ADJOURNMENT (1935):

The meeting was adjourned by Commander Sloat at approximately 1935.



**VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION
MEETING**

Saturday, June 14, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Location - Title VI Building

AST Complex, Shawnee, OK

**John Vanderburg, Coordinator of Veteran's
Affairs**

Located in Bldg 2

From the Election Commission

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission

This is to announce the unofficial results of the May 17, 2008 Referendum Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This Election was held on the above date pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Indian Health Service Joint-Venture Project

Effectively immediately, General Council hereby approves and delegates authority for a period of one year from the date of this election to the Executive Committee to apply for and obtain a loan not to exceed the amount of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) to design, construct and equip a joint venture construction program in association with the Indian Health Service, by encumbering the to be constructed building(s) and up to twenty-five (25) acres, where the facility will be located.

YES..... 67 Votes
NO..... 85 Votes

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission

This is to announce the official count of the March 15, 2008 Primary Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance.

Executive Committee

Lt. Governor (2 year term)

Dan Little Axe, Sr 134 votes
Kenneth Blanchard 80 votes

Representative (2 year term)

Cynthia Carpenter 114 votes
Alecia Onzawah 111 votes

Treasurer (2 year term)

Anita Chisholm 207 votes

Election Commission

Commission Member #2 (3 year term)

Mary Birdtail 141 votes
Steve Johnson 105 votes

*****ATTENTION*****

TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS:
Absentee Ballot Request form
on page 18.

TRIBAL MEMBERS, please don't forget to request an ABSENTEE BALLOT if you think you are NOT going to be unable to VOTE at the polls. The RUN OFF ELECTION is set for SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, 2008. Your vote is your voice. We will be voting on the positions of Lt. Governor, Representative and a position in the Election Commission.

There are events going on at this time, such as the Creek Nation Festival and many tribal members play softball in the tournament. Family reunions or family gatherings may be planned for this time as well. Take the time to go down to the nearest polling site and cast your vote for the candidate of your choice.

Please don't hesitate to request an ABSENTEE BALLOT. Fill out the request form and return it before the deadline date.

Deadline June 1, 2008

WE HAVE MOVED...

The Behavioral Health department has moved to a new location at the tribal complex. We are now located in building #17.

You may contact the Behavioral Health department at (405) 878-4702, ext. 102.

Thank you.

Behavioral Health Department

The Social Services department has moved to a new location at the tribal complex. We are now located in building #1 on the 2nd floor.

You may contact the Social Services department at (405) 275-4030.

JUNE 21, 2008
RUN OFF ELECTION

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE



VOTE

**The following Absentee Ballot request form is for the Run-Off Election
to be held in June 21, 2008.**

PLEASE fill out **EACH BLANK** completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of
(Print Name)
the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 21, 2008. I cannot physically be present to cast
my Vote at the **June 21, 2008 Run-Off Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot
be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUEST** must be **returned as soon as possible**
or by June 1, 2008

Return this Form to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

All eligible voters are entitled to vote, either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.

For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Dissapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

Election Commission/Representative

MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

May is National Foster Care Month, a time to call attention to the needs of 518,000 American children and youth in foster care.

Foster Care Month also honors the 174,000 foster families across the nation for providing safe, stable and supportive homes for children and young people who are temporarily unable to live with their birth families. Foster Care Month encourages many more individuals, organizations and communities to come forward and help these young people in any way they can.



It is also a good time to ensure that Oklahoma doesn't join others across the country that are slashing budget items designed to protect and nurture children and young people in the child welfare system.

Please call or write your local elected officials to urge them to proclaim May as Foster Care Month and to continue to support these causes.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact the ICW/Foster Care Director, for a packet.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS YOU CAN CHANGE A LIFETIME:

1. Share your heart! Support children and their foster parents by donating goods, services or your time in ways as acting as a mentor or learning how policy, legislative and budget priorities affect children and youth in foster care.

2. Open your home! Become a foster or adoptive parent or a respite care provider, find out about affordable housing options for young people making the transition from foster care, or open your business or professional "home".
3. Give hope! Attend or organize a Foster Care Month activity such as a dinner, coffee gathering, picnic, auction, etc., to raise awareness and express appreciation for foster parents, social workers, and others who make a difference in the lives of children. Help a young person in foster care. Elderly people could help by teaching a young child about their culture and language that they are losing. There are many ways to give hope to children.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Indian Child Welfare program and the Child Protective Service program will be joining forces with the Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team in honoring our Native foster families. If you would like to assist us in honoring our foster families by helping set up or donating items or coming by to say thank you to our foster families, please contact Melissa Lopez at (405) 275-4030, extension 166.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY
107 N. KIMBERLY ~ SHAWNEE, OK 74801
405.273.1050 ~ FAX 405.275.0678

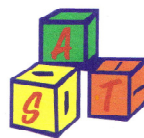


Available Housing Programs:

- Mutual Help/Homeownership
- Low Rent
- Homeowner/Homebuyer Maintenance Program
- Down Payment Assistance

Call or come by the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority offices for an application or more information about our current programs.

Priority is given to Absentee Shawnee Tribal members.



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The A.S.T. Child Care Subsidy program is now serving ALL Native American families who qualify within the C.C.D.F. guidelines with the Child Care Certificate program. If you know families in need of assistance, please refer them to us. If you are unsure if you qualify, please call me at (405) 878-0633. I look forward to helping families receive quality care for their children!



SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Little Axe Clinic

15702 E. Hwy 9

Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday
of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

ATTENTION

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

IN CASE OF ANY MEDICAL EMERGENCY

**CALL THE TRIAGE LINE
(405) 447-0300**

or Toll Free 1-877-449-0300

AST Shawnee Pharmacy

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Lunch (closed) 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Telephone: Direct 405-878-5859

Toll Free 866-742-4977

FAX 405-214-4230

PHARMACY 48 HOUR REFILL POLICY:

Due to the increase in volume of prescriptions coming to us, we are requiring a 48 hour notice on all refills. Please call in advance with your refill #'s. All refills will be filled in the order that they are received, walk-ins will not take priority over call-ins.

As always, new prescriptions will take priority over refills. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to serve you better.

If you have any questions about the pharmacy services, please feel free to contact

Jim Swaim DPH or Martina Przebinda DPH at
405-878-5859

LITTLE AXE PHARMACY NEWS

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions written by Physicians not located at the clinic under the following circumstances:

- 1) The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
- 2) The prescribed medication is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.
- 3) Non-Absentee Shawnee patients who are referred to a specialist may present prescriptions written by the specialist to the clinic provider for review. This must be done by making an appointment with the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic provider. If deemed appropriate, the provider may write an order on the patient's chart for that medication or similar medication. The medication will be provided at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic pharmacy only if it is on the formulary.

This policy will be in affect until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact: Jack Ogden, RPh at 292.9530.

POLICY ON OUTSIDE PRESCRIPTIONS

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions written by Physicians not located at the clinic under the following circumstances:

- 1) The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
- 2) The prescribed medication is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.
- 3) Non-Absentee Shawnee patients who are referred to a specialist may present prescriptions written by the specialist to the clinic provider for review. This must be done by making an appointment with the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic provider. If deemed appropriate, the provider may write an order on the patient's chart for that medication or similar medication. The medication will be provided at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic pharmacy only if it is on the formulary.

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Attention All Tribal Members

AST Contract Health Services Department is designated the **Payor of Last Resort**.

Contract Health Services requires patients to apply for all health care resources available to them from private insurance, state health programs, and other federal programs (Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security Disability, etc.).

You must show proof of denial before the Absentee Shawnee Tribe can pay through the CHS program.

Ms. Kayci Little Axe, the Patient Benefits Coordinator can assist tribal members in filling out appropriate applications for state and federal medical aid.







She may be contacted at (405) 447-0300 and she is located in the Tribal Clinic in Little Axe at 15702 E Highway 9 Norman, Oklahoma 73026.



Breast Cancer Awareness



CVS Pharmacy

-  CVS Pharmacy is for prescriptions received as a result of a visit to the **emergency room or urgent care facility after regular business hours ONLY**.
-  CVS Pharmacy is **NOT** to be used for prescription refills.
-  Insured tribal members must present private insurance card(s) to CVS at the time of getting the prescription filled.
-  Tribal members must show CDIB card.
-  Participating CVS Pharmacy locations:
1000 E. Alameda Norman, Oklahoma
4500 N. Kickapoo Ave Shawnee, Oklahoma
-  Approved quantity no more than 7 day supply.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (405) 878-5859
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Information Meeting:

Do you take care of a loved one with medically related dependence?

You may qualify for this very important avenue of help with your caregiver duties.

The Caregiver Support Program will host a 10:00 AM Thursday May 22, 2008 meeting in building #17 (where the pharmacy is located). The group meeting is for present, past, or potential program participants. Remember you may bring the person being cared for, also family members or anyone that is involved in caregiver duties.

The meeting agenda will be: (refreshments for you)

- A. Information on program services
- B. Eligibility requirements
- C. Procedure to sign up for program
- D. Question and answer session

For further information regarding the meeting contact Nancy Carpenter, LPN, Program Coordinator at telephone number (405) 878-5850 ext. 11

Community Health Nursing Program

The CHNP delivers medications that are filled in our pharmacies. The pharmacy has asked that you call in your medication 48 hours before you run out, we also ask you to do so. This will work the best for all concerned. The key to this cooperative effort of timely medication fills and deliveries is the client being responsible for their part and calling in 48 hours in advance of need. Also if you have transportation and can pick your medications up, please do so, or call in 4-5 days in advance and have your medications mailed to your home. All of your efforts to help in accomplishing this very important service will be highly appreciated. The Certified Medication Aides that deliver thank you in advance for your consideration.

Article Submitted by:

Newton D. Sloat, Director

Community Health Nursing/Caregiver Support Program

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members only. We are currently working with a formulary for the pharmacy and we would like to encourage all tribal members to work with us so that we can keep our cost down.

The following is a list of ways which the pharmacy will be functioning with the current formulary change and also information that we will need from you to ensure that our pharmacy is keeping it's cost down. All prescriptions will be filled with a generic when available unless otherwise stated by your doctor.

- ▶ C.V.S. Pharmacy in Shawnee and Norman are available for "EMERGENCIES ONLY". All medications must be authorized for filling at these locations by the Tribal Pharmacy or emergency room.
- ▶ Please bring your insurance cards with you and present to the pharmacy staff. If you have insurance, you will still get your medications for you at no charge. Your insurance will pay for their part and the tribe will cover the co-pay. By using your insurance card it will help us keep our cost down and also provide us with funding to continue purchasing your medications.
- ▶ Also, you must keep us informed of any changes such as change in address, phone number, insurance companies and name changes.
- ▶ Also, we need to know if your medications are to be picked up, delivered or to be mailed. If the caller does not notify us of how they will get their medication we hold it in the pharmacy until it is called upon. This could delay the medication getting to you in a timely manner.
- ▶ If you have any questions concerning your prescriptions please feel free to call and talk to our pharmacist. They are here to assist you in any way .

Thank you for working with us during the many changes that we have had in the past and we appreciate your patience. We are here for all Tribal members so please don't hesitate to call us if you have any problems.

This policy will be in affect until further notice.
If you have any questions, please contact our Pharmacist's
Jim Swaim or Martina Przebinda at 405-878-5859

Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- ◆ Academic (K-12) Program: assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses.
- ◆ Zahn Program: established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates.
- ◆ Job Training Adult Education Program: funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions.
- ◆ Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program: funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university.
- ◆ Graduate Scholarship Program: funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test.

Attention:

If you are interested in taking any courses for the spring 2008 semester contact the Education Department as soon as possible to request the appropriate guidelines and application. Please remember all programs are first come, first served and based upon the availability of funds.

**For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341
or email to tresham@astribe.com**

TRIBAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

TRIBAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS APPLICATION

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the following criteria, which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Submit completed application to the above address.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED BEFORE APPLICATION WILL BE COMPLETED:

1. Copy of Absentee Shawnee Tribe enrollment card (CDIB)
2. Social Security Card
3. Provide copy of one of the following (occupant must be living in the home for at least one (1) year prior to the date of requesting assistance):
 - Owner (Copy of a filed stamped Warranty Deed)
 - Buying (Recorded Warranty Deed)
 - Lease (Official BIA Recorded AST Lease)
 - Other (Explain)
4. Income Verification (attach verification such as Tax Returns and most recent 2 pay stubs)
5. Award letter for income such as Social Security, SSI, Disability, Unemployment Benefits, Workman's Comp, etc.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

All applications must be updated once a year

HOMES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF ANY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HAVE NOT BEEN PAID OFF DO NOT QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE

- All questions in this application must be answered. If a question is not applicable, write "N/A".
- This application is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93-579.
- Read the certification carefully before you sign and date the application. All signatures must be in ink.

Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

This program assists with establishing a new water well and/or septic system or with rehab of an existing water well and/or septic system. OEH&E provides assistance to Absentee Shawnee Tribal members who reside within one of the following six counties: Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Payne, Lincoln, or Logan. We assist Absentee Shawnee Tribal members who have an existing home, are building a new home, or moving a mobile home to their land. You must update your application every year.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Copy of Absentee Shawnee Tribe (CDIB card)
2. Provide documentation proving homeownership in the Tribal Members name
 - a. Owner (Copy of a filed stamped Warranty Deed)
 - b. Buying (Recorded Warranty Deed)
 - c. Lease (Notarized Lease Agreement; and must be Indian owned)
 - d. Other (Explain)
3. Copy of Social Security card

Homes under the management of any housing authority and have not been paid off do not qualify for assistance

You can obtain and return applications with documentation to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13

If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 275-4030
Applications are also available online at: www.astribe.com

Pest Control Program

The Environmental Pest Control Program is designed to assist Absentee Shawnee Tribal elders (55 years and older) in controlling the infestation of termites and insects such as roaches, ticks, fleas, and spiders, etc. Each household can receive one spraying every six months and one termite treatment, if needed. You must update your application every year if you need your home sprayed.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Copy of Absentee Shawnee Tribe (CDIB card)
2. Proof of residency in Tribal member's name (utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
3. Must be at least 55 years and older
4. Must provide documented verification of disability/handicap, if applicable

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Applications are also available online at: www.astribe.com

2008 TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	1-877-878-4702
or	1-877-878-4716
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270

AST Media Dept (405) 273-8118
Fax (405) 273-8143

Visit our website
www.astribe.com



Camp Nikoti Fiesta 2008



Sign-up today!

Call 275-4030 ask for Family Services
Ages 11-14yrs

Eligibility: Absentee Shawnee Youth
and Tribal Employee's Children

Limited space available. First come, first served.

The Offices of the
Absentee Shawnee Tribe • Little Axe Resource Center • Little Axe Clinic • AST Housing Authority • Shawnee Pharmacy
WILL BE closed on Monday - May 26 - Memorial Day



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